

## **ABSTRACT**

Described are techniques used in monitoring the performance, security and health  
5 of a system used in an industrial application. Agents included in the industrial network  
report data to an appliance or server. The appliance stores the data and determines when  
an alarm condition has occurred. Notifications are sent upon detecting an alarm  
condition. The alarm thresholds may be user defined. A threat thermostat controller  
determines a threat level used to control the connectivity of a network used in the  
10 industrial application.